Special forces for Andhra Pradesh for meeting naxalite problem

148. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government for special forces to face naxalite problem; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) A request has been received from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for additional paramilitary forces and some equipments. The requirement projected by the state government would be met to the extent possible, subject to availability.

Pak opposition leader's statement on Training to Kashmiri subversives

149. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an opposition leader in Pakistan has stated on 14th April, 1990, that camps for training Kashmiri subversives are in existence in Rawalpindi; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan; if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Government have conveyed to Pakistan that despite its denials there is overwhelming evidence that terrorism directed against India in J&K receives support in Pakistan and that such interference in our internal affairs and encouragement to subversion and violence is unacceptable.

T.V. serial on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

150. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making any serial on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Production of a T.V. serial on Dr. Ambedkar, comprising 8 episodes of 25 minutes each, has been assigned to M/s Quasar Communications, Bombay, a private producer.

Terrorism in North-Eastern Region

151. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spurt in militant activities in North-Eastern region of India resulting in the murder of several leading businessmen;

(b) whether this has created panic among businessmen and traders of North-East; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken/propose to take to curb the growth of terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The underground elements belonging to National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) have been indulging in acts of extortion from businessmen in Nagaland particularly from Dimapur and Kohima towns. They have also been extorting money and collecting taxes from the people in the hill areas of Manipur. The United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) has been engaging in militant activities